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February 28, 1923. Proceeded to Paterson, N.J. and interviewed Mr. & Mrs. Barnhardt at their home. Mr. Barnhardt's sister was present part of the time.

The substance of the conversation that Mr. Barnhardt had with Jim Mills on the afternoon of February 18, 1923, was as follows: -

Jim Mills is suspicious of Mr. Parker, Mrs. Hauptman, and Mr. Totten, thinking that we are all working together to frame him up. Jim Mills, in order to verify his suspicions of Mr. Parker, tested Parker out in the following manner -

On or about Saturday, February 10, Jim Mills received a letter telling him to go to the Clairvoyant - After his meeting with the Clairvoyant, the following day, which was on Sunday, Feb. 11th, he (Mills) went down to see Mr. Parker, at Mount Holly. After talking with Mr. Parker for a while, he (Mills) asked Mr. Parker, "Do you believe in Clairvoyant's?" and Mr. Parker answered, "Yes." at this moment Jim Mills verified his suspicions that Mr. Parker and the rest of us were working together to try to pin the crime on him.

Jim Mills then told Mr. Parker that he had some very influential friends, and if anything should happen to him that the thing would be looked up thoroughly. It is Jim Mills' impression that Mr. Parker was a little bit afraid of this remark, and for that reason Parker has not seen Jim Mills since.

Jim Mills is constantly roasting Mrs. Hauptman, but Charlotte states that when she (Mrs. Hauptman) comes to the house, he (Mills) treats her friendly.

Mr. Barnhardt also informed Mr. Dem. that Jim Mills showed him a letter, the outside envelope of which showed that it had come from the Washington Senate. The contents of this letter was as follows: - "I have had our agents

Look you up and find that you are thoroughly honest and reliable, and will take care of you in this matter.

Jim Mills' boast is that this man is very friendly with him, and is going to give him (Mills) any amount of money; in fact Jim has stated to Mr. Barnhardt, that up to date he has received \$115.00, and when Mills showed Mr. Barnhardt his purse it contained about \$60.00.

Charlotte also told Mr. Barnhardt of another trick which they had attempted to play on Jim Mills, which is as follows - They had a big, tall man with piercing eyes, dressed as a Hindu, to go to Mills' house, and after Jim Mills invited him to come in and sit down, this man ran out and entered a waiting automobile or taxicab.

Mr. Barnhardt thinks that the letter which Jim Mills showed him with reference to this influential Washington man, is another trick which is played by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Barnhardt also informed me that a few weeks ago Vernie Mills sent a revolver over to Jim Mills' house telling Jim to use it if he was annoyed. Jim Mills refused to accept it.

Mr. Barnhardt also informed me that Jim Mills is working for Dr. Cronk; taking care of Dr. Cronk's furnace. To this I might state that it is peculiar that Jim Mills gave up his church job saying it was too much work for him, and here he is working for Dr. Cronk, and not receiving any pay. The Sunday when Mr. Barnhardt and Jim Mills left Mr. DeM., Mr. Barnhardt accompanied Mills to Dr. Cronk's home, to take care of the furnace.

Mr. Barnhardt does not know what to make of Jim Mills - He says what puzzles him is that he knows he is lying.

Mr. Barnhardt further said that there was very little discussion about the case after I had left them on Sunday, Feb. 18, 1923.

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It is both Mr. & Mrs. Barnhardt's belief that Jim Mills is very suspicious now, and he is on to all the tricks. Mr. Barnhardt has promised me that he will keep in touch with Jim Mills, and then give me the information that he secures.

Mr. Barnhardt also informed me that on the Sunday of February 18th, after I had left them, old Mrs. Mills came over to Jim and wanted to find out why it is Mr. DeM. keeps bothering him, (Jim Mills) she also said that a little girl had told her that Mr. DeM. was accompanying Jim Mills down to the station House, as he was to be placed under arrest.